



Agenda

COOP Modernization Partners' Forum Building a National Observing Capability for the Future

Wednesday, September 18, 2002

**Doubletree Hotel & Executive Meeting Center
Rockville, Maryland**

- 7:30 - 8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 - 10:25 Introduction**
Meeting Chair: Mr. Gregory A. Mandt, Director, NWS Office of Climate, Water, and Weather Services
- 8:35 - 8:50 Welcome/Objectives:** Dr. James R. Mahoney, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and NOAA Deputy Administrator
- 8:50 - 9:35 Modernization of COOP:** Dr. Ken C. Crawford, Director, Oklahoma Climatological Survey, and National Research Council's Panel on Climate Record: Modernization of the Cooperative Observer Network
- 9:35 - 9:55 NWS:** Brigadier General John J. Kelly, Jr., U.S. Air Force (Ret.), Director, National Weather Service
- 9:55 - 10:25 Break**

10:25 - 2:15 NOAA COOP Modernization Proposal and Benefits

Chair: Mr. Samuel P. Williamson, Federal Coordinator for Meteorology, Office of the Federal Coordinator for Meteorology

10:30 - 11:00 NOAA COOP Modernization Proposal & Benefits: Mr. Rainer N. Dombrowsky, Chief, NWS Observation Services Division

11:00 - 11:20 NOAA: Mr. Thomas R. Karl, Director, National Climatic Data Center

11:20 - 11:40 USDA: Dr. Gerald A. Bange, Chair, World Agricultural Outlook Board

11:40 - 12:00 Media: Mr. John B. McLaughlin, President, National Weather Association; Board of Directors, American Meteorological Society

12:00 - 1:30 Lunch (provided)

Keynote Speaker: Deputy Secretary of Commerce, Samuel W. Bodman

1:30 - 2:00 Partnership Options: Mr. Glenn E. Tallia, Senior Counselor for Atmospheric and Space Services and Research, NOAA

2:00 - 2:15 Western Governors' Association: Mr. Shaun McGrath, Program Manager

2:15 -3:00 Panel: COOP Modernization Data Benefits

Moderator: Dr. Robert E. Livezey, Chief, NWS Climate Services Division

(Panel members to make a brief 5 to10 minute statement of their organization's viewpoint followed by open discussion.)

American Association of State Climatologists: Mr. John M. Grymes, III, Past President

Energy: Mr. Roger Kranenburg, Director, Business Development, Edison Electric Institute

National Drought Mitigation Center: Mr. Mark Svoboda, Climatologist

Private Meteorologists: Mr. William Bradbury, President, Weather Factor

Regional Climate Centers: Dr. Michael J. Janis, Director, Southeast Regional Climate Center

Weather Risk Management Association: Ms. Lynda Clemmons, President

3:00 - 3:45 Break

3:45 - 4:45 Panel Continues

4:45 Closing Remarks Mr. Gregory A. Mandt, Director, NWS Office of Climate, Water, and Weather Services

5:00 Adjourn